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Wildland Fire and Smoke Update

(The next edition of Morning Highlights will be Monday, July 20)

Only two new fires, both caused by lightning, were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Thursday. The Hiline Fire in the Mat-Su area was reported at about ½ acre burning in a small stand of black spruce. The Kotsina Fire was reported as about 1/10 acre in the Copper River area. Water scooper aircraft suppressed the fire and three fire personnel are staffing the fire. Full containment is expected later today.

As of 9 am Friday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center had tallied 410 fires and 983,043.3 acres burned this year. At this time last year, 321 fires had burned 74,145.4 acres. 68 fires are active across Alaska. 10 fires are staffed.

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
Railbelt Complex			Alaska Type 2 Incident
			Mgt. Team
			Beaver/Stevens Type 2
			crew
			Fairbanks #3 Type 2 crew
			Idaho City Hotshots
			Upper Tanana #1Type 2
			crew
			Boise Hotshots
			Upper Tanana # 4 Type 2
			crew
			Bonneville Hotshots
			Fairbanks #1 Type 2 crew
			Fairbanks #4 Type 2 crew
			Pilot Station
			Sawtooth Hotshots
Fires in Complex			366 personnel in Complex
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Minto Flats South	12 mi west of Nenana	178,643 acres	
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Lunch Lake	20 mi. NW of Nenana	5,477 acres	
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June Creek	21 miles NW of Healy	164 acres	

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
Rock Slough	50 mi. NE of Ft. Yukon	15,550 acres	103 personnel
			Gannet Glacier 2IA crew
			Midnight Sun Hotshots
			Venetie #1 Type 2 crew
			Ft. Yukon #2 Type 2 crew
Little Black One	18 mi. NE of Circle	138,602 acres	38 personnel
			Fort Yukon #3 Type 2 crew
			Venetie #2 Type 2 crew
Bear Creek	60 mi. W of Healy	38,638.3 acres	34 personnel
			Allakaket #2 Type 2 crew
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Logging Slash	22 mi. NW of Nenana	118 acres	57 personnel
			Idaho City Hotshots
			Minto #1 Type 2
			Selawik #2 Type 2
			Upper Tanana #2
Chakina	13 mi. S of McCarthy	19,700 acres	27 personnel
Wood River 1	34 mi. SW of Fairbanks	2, 200 acres	3 personnel
Kotsina	48 mi. SE of Glennallen	.1 acre	3 personnel
Shanta Creek	Off Funny River Road	12,578 acres	452 personnel ordered
	Kenai		NIMO Type 1
			Alaska Interagency #3 T2
			Ambler Type 2
			Arctic Village Type 2
			Bitterroot Hotshots
			Chevak #1 Type 2
			Chief Mountain Hotshots
			Denali Type 2IA
			Helena Hotshots
			Hooper Bay #3 Type 2
			Idaho Panhandle Hotshots
			Kiana #1 Type 2
			Lewis & Clark Hotshots
			Nikolai Type 2
			Shageluk Type 2

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
Upper Healy River	15 mi. NE of Healy Lake	61 acres	61 personnel
			Augusta Hotshots
			Chevak #2 Type 2 crew
			Huslia #2 Type 2 crew
			Midewin Hotshots

For updated information about the Railbelt Complex fires which includes the Minto Flats South Fire, Lunch Lake Fire and the June Creek Fire, call the Fire Information Office in Nenana at 907-832-1836. Additional information about the fire is being posted at: www.inciweb.org.

For updated information about the Shanta Creek fire, call the Kenai Wildlife Refuge at 907-260-2338 or 2342. Additional information is posted at www.inciweb.org and http://kenai.fws.gov

For updated information about the Chakina Fire, call the Fire Information Office at 907-529-0511 or send email to: ChakinaFireInfo@gmail.com. Additional information is also posted at www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm

News releases and additional information about these fires is posted under Current News at http://fire.ak.blm.gov

A red flag warning for strong winds and low relative humidities in the Alaska Range is in effect from 1 pm this afternoon to 10 pm AKDT Sunday.

Air Quality information for the Fairbanks North Star Borough is posted at: http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/. For July 17 at 11 am, the air quality was reported as moderate.

To learn about protecting yourself from smoke, visit:

http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm

For daily fire information, please visit:

http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf and for a map of fire locations, click on "Fire Information" at http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
 - National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in ÅK: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildla
 nd%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php

- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov/
 Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov/

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